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LOK SABHA

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TERRORIST CAMPS IN POK
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether terrorist camps are still active in the Pakistan-occupied Kashmir as reported in the `Hindustan Times` dated June 6, 2002;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI YASHWANT SINHA)

(a)& (b)Pakistan has established an elaborate infrastructure for the recruitment, indoctrination and training of terrorists on its territories and territories under its control, to support its policy of sponsoring cross border terrorism in J&K and other parts of India.

Despite the commitment from President Musharraf to end cross border infiltration on a permanent basis, not to allow the territory of Pakistan to be used for terrorism anywhere in the world or any organisation in Pakistan to indulge in terrorism in the name of Kashmir, there is no evidence of any firm attempts being made to dismantle the infrastructure that supports and feeds cross border terrorism including launching stations, communication centres and training camps.

(c)Government are firmly resolved to continue taking all necessary measures to defeat Pakistan sponsored cross border terrorism.